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EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AUGUST 6, 2019

The Legislature has completed the budget after a delay. The Governor did veto the sections that would have removed the requirement that schools hire licensed teachers. OACTE, SUED, and OAPCTE were active in seeing that the Governor was requested to veto the section.

The summer recess is almost on us. Much will happen behind the scene before the House and Senate meet again. Note: The Issue of school funding will heat up again with the introduction of House Bill 305.

Budget Conference Committee Decided Fate Of Education Oversight Panel: The legislature will have one less joint committee this fall. The Joint Education Oversight Committee which was created in a prior budget (HB64, 131st General Assembly) to assist the legislature with education policy issues was eliminated in the final budget legislation.

SCHOOL FUNDING PROPOSED AGAIN:

HB 305

Tracked

SCHOOL FUNDING (CUPP, R., PATTERSON, J.)

To create a new school financing system, and to make an appropriation.

HB 154

ACADEMIC DISTRESS (MILLER, J., JONES, D.)

To dissolve academic distress commissions and to instead require the creation of community learning centers for buildings in low-performing school districts. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 9

DEGREE COMPLETION (JONES, D., SWEENEY, B.)

With regard to student degree completion at state institutions of higher education and to establish a universal standard for general education courses required by state universities. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute (On House calendar for Thursday, June 27-Pending committee report) (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 16

COLLEGE TUITION (PERALES, R.)

To grant residency status for in-state college tuition to active military service members and their spouses and dependents.--1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 281

VALEDICTORIANS (ANTANI, N.)

To require each school district board to designate one valedictorian and one salutatorian at each high school operated by the district. --1st Hearing-Sponsor



HB 164

RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION ([GINTER, T.](#))

Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019." --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

At The Statehouse: Summer Break Is Almost Here

The House and Senate will not be in session until September as lawmakers spend time in their districts.

ODE Partners With Browns On School Attendance; State Announces Community Learning Center Grant Winners...

The Department of Education has attracted some key teammates in its efforts to tackle chronic absenteeism.

ODE on Friday launched its Get 2 School, Stay in the Game! initiative, a partnership with the Cleveland Browns Foundation and Proving Ground at Harvard University.

The effort is intended to connect participating districts with experts, materials and evaluation tools related to school attendance.

"The equation is quite simple," Cleveland Browns Owner Dee Haslam said in a statement. "The more a student attends school, the more prepared they are for future success beyond the classroom."

As part of the initiative, the partners have launched a [website](#) with resources available to all school districts.

Report Cards Top House Ed Committee's Fall Priorities

The House Primary & Secondary Education Committee will return to a well-worn topic of debate when it resumes meetings this fall. Chair [Rep. Louis Blessing](#) (R-Cincinnati) said he wants the panel to re-examine the report card system the state uses to assign grades to schools and districts. The lawmaker said he has been in discussion with committee members [Rep. Don Jones](#) (R-Freeport) and [Rep. Susan Manchester](#) (R-Lakeview) about tackling the issue after summer break. The pair could use legislation (HB591, 132nd General Assembly) on the topic introduced by former Rep. Mike Duffey last session as a jumping-off point, Rep. Blessing said.



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Senate Education Committee Chair [Sen. Peggy Lehner](#) (R-Kettering) has put addressing the state's system for intervening at poorly performing school districts at the top of her panel's to-do list. The lawmaker said the upper chamber may use a House-passed bill ([HB 154](#)) on the topic as a starting point but will likely transition to a substitute version with similarities to a proposed Senate budget amendment. Rep. Blessing said while the Senate's changes may lead to some disappointment among House members, he expects the lower chamber to support the final product to begin the move away from the current academic distress commission system. "To get some relief, any relief, I think that will win the day," he said.

Current Pending Bills:

Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action▼
HB166	Pass	Creates FY 2020-2021 operating budget	<u>2019-07-18</u> Effective 7/18/19
HB2	Engross	Create TechCred and Microcredential Assistance Programs	<u>2019-07-17</u> To Senate Finance Committee
HB4	Engross	Develop industry-recognized credential and certificate programs	<u>2019-07-17</u> To Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee
HB305	Intro	Create new school financing system	<u>2019-06-30</u> To House Finance Committee
HB9	Engross	Regards student degree completion and general ed requirements	<u>2019-06-28</u> Introduced



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HB164	Intro	Regards student religious expression	<u>2019-06-27</u> Reported: Primary and Secondary Education
HB154	Engross	Dissolve and replace academic distress commissions	<u>2019-05-15</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB239	Intro	Reduce end-of-course assessments; require testing work groups	<u>2019-05-14</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB120	Engross	Conduct performance audits of state higher ed institutions	<u>2019-05-08</u> To House Higher Education Committee
SB121	Intro	Adopt health education standards/GA need only approve VD ed	<u>2019-05-01</u> To Senate Education Committee
HB165	Intro	Regards adoption of health education standards	<u>2019-04-02</u> To House Primary and Secondary Education Committee
SB69	Intro	Regards community college career programs-grants/credit	<u>2019-03-06</u> To Senate Higher Education Committee



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HB90	Intro	Spread information to protect humanity of unborn child	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Health Committee
HB88	Intro	Enact Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-03-05</u> To House Civil Justice Committee
SB40	Intro	Enact the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act	<u>2019-02-20</u> To Senate Education Committee